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Bangkok, 29 April – 2 May 2002
Item 1 (a) of the provisional agenda

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II. ANNOTATIONS

1. At its twenty-fourth executive session in May 2000, the Trade and Development Board adopted the following decision: "The Trade and Development Board will conduct in the second quarter of the year 2002 a mid-term review of the work of UNCTAD, based on the indicators of achievement agreed to in the medium-term plan (2002-2005). The Board will also review the functioning of the intergovernmental machinery."

2. At its forty-eighth session, in October 2001, the Board agreed to endorse the offer of Thailand to host the Mid-term Review in Bangkok, launched the mid-term review process and approved the basic modalities of the Mid-term Review process, as outlined in document TD/B/48/CRP.1, namely: (i) a review of the efficiency and functioning of the intergovernmental machinery; (ii) stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the commitments and work programme agreed to in the Bangkok Plan of Action (TD/386); and (iii) interactive debates and policy dialogue in the context of opportunities and challenges of new policy developments of importance since UNCTAD X.

3. In its resolution 56/178 of 21 December 2001, the General Assembly welcomed the decision by the Trade and Development Board to conduct the mid-term review of the outcome of the tenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Bangkok from 29 April to 3 May 2002, and, in this regard, expressed deep appreciation to the Government of Thailand for offering to host the meeting.

Item 1. Procedural matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

4. The provisional agenda for the current session is reproduced in section I above.

	Documentation
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Organization of work

5. In order to accommodate suggestions made by delegations, meetings of the session of the Board have been organized in such a way that no two meetings take place at the same time. They have been designed with a view to ensuring effective participation by delegations, particularly that of small delegations, and also to making the most efficient use of the conference resources of the United Nations. A programme of meetings is annexed to the present document.

(b) Report on credentials

6. In accordance with rule 17.2 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Board shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Board.

In-session documentation

Item 2. Mid-term Review

7. At its forty-eighth session, the Board agreed that three Vice-Presidents would assist the President in the preparatory work for the Mid-term Review, as follows: on the intergovernmental machinery – Mr. Federico Alberto Cuello Camilo (Dominican Republic); on the stocktaking of the implementation of the work programme based on indicators of achievement – Mrs. Eleanor M. Fuller (United Kingdom); on the interactive debates and policy dialogue in the context of opportunities and challenges of new policy developments of importance since UNCTAD X – Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul (Thailand). The two Vice-Presidents in charge of the intergovernmental machinery and stocktaking would make every effort to conclude their work prior to the Mid-term Review in Bangkok.

(a) Review of the efficiency and functioning of the intergovernmental machinery

8. At its twenty-fourth executive session, the Trade and Development Board decided to "Review the functioning of the intergovernmental machinery" in the context of the Mid-term Review. Under this sub-item, the Chairperson of Pillar I will present a report on the review of the intergovernmental machinery to the Trade and Development Board for its approval and adoption. The review undertaken has been aimed at improving the functioning of intergovernmental bodies of UNCTAD to better respond to requirements of UNCTAD's member States, in particular the needs of developing countries.

(b) Stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the commitments and work Programme agreed to in the Bangkok Plan of Action

9. At its twenty-fourth executive session, the Trade and Development Board decided to "conduct in the second quarter of the year 2002 a mid-term review of the work of UNCTAD, based on the indicators of achievement agreed to in the medium-term plan (2002-2005)". Accordingly, an in-depth assessment of the implementation of the Bangkok Plan of Action and achievements since UNCTAD X was conducted on a subprogramme-by-subprogramme basis during the meetings of the mid-term review from January to March. At the same time, the future direction of work and the areas of emphasis for the remaining period until the next Conference were discussed with a view to making progress in the implementation of the Plan in the most effective manner, taking account of the existing resource constraints, and reflecting the latest developments since UNCTAD X, such as the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (Brussels, May 2001), the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (Doha, November 2001) and the International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey, March 2001).

(c) Interactive debates and policy dialogue in the context of opportunities and challenges of new policy developments of importance since UNCTAD X

10. It is envisaged that two high-level sessions of interactive debate and policy dialogue will be held on Wednesday, 1 May, and Thursday, 2 May, in Bangkok in the context of the Mid-term Review at the nineteenth special session of the Trade and Development Board namely:

(i) Assessment of global economic developments and their impact since UNCTAD X;

(ii) Development challenges of the future.

11. The first of these sessions will assess global economic developments and their impact since UNCTAD X by addressing the topic of economic policy challenges since the adoption of the Bangkok Plan of Action in February 2000. The second session of the high-level debate will be orientated to future development challenges by addressing the topic of rethinking development strategies and reshaping globalization.

12. The policy debate on the above two themes, assessing the past and looking forward to the future, will be underpinned by the outcome of the other two pillars on the efficiency and functioning of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD and the stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the Bangkok Plan of Action. The specific objective is to bring forth ideas and policy directions on the challenges for members of UNCTAD after the Mid-term Review and consequently serve as a prelude to identifying potential elements of relevance for UNCTAD XI.

Item 3 - Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

- **Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board**

13. The Board will be informed during the session of the administrative and financial implications of any proposals before it.

In-session documentation, if required

Item 4 - Other business

Item 5 -. Adoption of the report of the Board

14. The Board may wish to authorize the Rapporteur to finalize the report on its nineteenth special session under the authority of the President.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS
Nineteenth special session of the Trade and Development Board - Mid-term Review
29 April – 2 May 2002

Monday 29 April 2002	Tuesday 30 April 2002	Wednesday 1 May 2002	Thursday 2 May 2002	Friday 3 May 2002
REGISTRATION UNCC-ESCAP Registration Counter **(09h30 to 12h00** **14h00 to 18h00)**	**PLENARY** ESCAP HALL **(10h00)** Opening plenary Item 1 – Procedural matters Item 1(a) Adoption of the agenda Item 2 – Mid-term review (Reports of the three Vice-Presidents on items 2(a), (b) and (c))	**FIRST HIGH-LEVEL INTERACTIVE DEBATE** ESCAP HALL **(09h00)** Item 2 (c) (i)- Assessment of global economic developments and their impact	**SECOND HIGH-LEVEL INTERACTIVE DEBATE** ESCAP HALL **(09h00)** Item 2 (c) (ii) - Development challenges of the future	***HOST COUNTRY EVENT***
BRIEFING FOR PARTICIPANTS Public Foyer **(16h00)**	**INAUGURAL CEREMONY** ESCAP HALL **15h20** Participants to be seated **15h30** Inaugural ceremony	*INAUGURATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT* (Chulalongkorn University) Buses will leave ESCAP premises at **14h30**	*INAUGURATION OF ACIS RAILTRACKER* **15h30** **PLENARY** ESCAP HALL **(17h00)** Closing plenary Item 1(b) – Report on credentials Item 2 – Mid-term review Item 3 – Admin & financ. implicat. Item 4 – Other business Item 5 – Adoption of the report **Followed by** Press Conference	